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TO MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, UR, US

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE'VE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING TIDBITS FROM TREASURY:
AT LUNCH TODAY WITH PARSKY, MKRTUMOV SAID THAT THE DATES
OF OCTOBER 18-19 LOOKED OK FOR AN ECONOMIC EXPERTS MEETING
BUT HE WASN'T SURE PATOLICHEV COULD MAKE A COMMISSION
MEETING ON OCTOBER 20-21. HE ASKED PARSKY FOR A MORE
FORMAL PROPOSAL OF THESE DATES, IN WRITING, WHICH IS NOW
BEING PREPARED BY TREASURY. ALSO, SIMON DEFINITELY INTEND
TO ATTEND THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING IN MOSCOW
ON NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1.

2. MEL HAS SENT TO TOM TRACY VIA SHERROD MCCALL A LIST
SHOWING THE SIZES AND WEIGHTS OF THE CRATES AND PACKAGES
FOR THE DAO PROJECT. WE DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM TODAY WITH
THE AMBASSADOR WHO REITERATED YOUR DOUBTS, BUT EXPRESSED
UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ARGUMENT AGAINST THE BIT-BY-BIT
APPROACH.

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WE WILL BE SENDING YOU TOMORROW THE TEXT OF THE NOTE TO

THE SOVIETS ON KIEV/NEW YORK FOR YOUR COMMENT.

3. SOVIET EMBASSY CALLED THIS EVENING TO ASK IF WE COULD HELP ON VISA ISSUANCE TO ANTON PETR KRIKUNOV, AN ASSISTANT TO GROMYKO, GOING IN ADVANCE TO UNGA. HE WANTS TO LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT SITUATION IS AND CAN'T RAISE ANYONE IN VISA OFFICE WHO KNOWS, BUT ASSUME YOU CAN ISSUE VISA WITHOUT REFERENCE TO DEPARTMENT.

4. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST HERE IN SOVIET ACTIVITY AND COMMENT IN RESPECT TO THE SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP. KNOW YOU ARE FOLLOWING CLOSELY BUT WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO REPORT FULLY AND TO USE IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE WHERE INDICATED. FBIS IS FEEDING SOVIET MEDIA ITEMS DIRECTLY TO SECRETARY'S PARTY BUT WE COULD USEFULLY REPEAT TO HIM YOUR ASSESSMENTS AND COMMENT.

5. FROM A LATE AFTERNOON TELCON WITH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IT APPEARS THAT DOT WILL CANCEL OR POSTPONE THE UPCOMING US MARINE PANEL TWO-ICE TRANSITING VESSELS VISIT TO THE USSR (05.0502) UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT. GROUP WAS TO HAVE ARRIVED MOSCOW SEPT. 19. WE EXPECT THAT AN OFFICIAL CABLE TO THIS EFFECT WILL ARRIVE AT EMBASSY BEFORE COB SEPT. 17.

6. BILL BROWN HAS INFORMALLY RAISED THE QUESTION OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RUSSELL TRAIN (PROBABLY ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. TRAIN) SCHEDULED TO BE IN MOSCOW NOV. 13 OR 14 THROU NOV. 19 FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE (STAT 225157). BILL THINKS MR. TRAIN WOULD WELCOME A SPASO INVITATION, BUT WOULD UNDERSTAND IF LEAVE OF STAFF OR TRADITION PRECLUDED THIS IN ABSENCE OF AN AMBASSADOR. HE WOULD PROBABLY PREFER TO STAY WITH DELEGATION IF SPASO IS UNAVAILABLE. HABIB

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